



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois urge the President of the United States to
4 reinstate full funding for Amtrak; and

5 WHEREAS, President Bush's recently proposed budget cuts
6 all funding for Amtrak; and

7 WHEREAS, Amtrak was created by Congress in 1970 to take
8 over the passenger rail service previously operated by private
9 freight railroad companies in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, During the period from Amtrak's inception through
11 2003, the federal government has spent \$1.89 trillion on air
12 and highway modes while Amtrak has received just over \$30
13 billion in federal subsidies; and

14 WHEREAS, Amtrak serves 500 stations in 46 states on 22,000
15 miles of track; and

16 WHEREAS, Amtrak has 20,000 employees; and

17 WHEREAS, Amtrak carries over 25 million passengers a year;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Illinois is home to several of the highest volume
20 Amtrak lines; and

21 WHEREAS, Illinois' stations are in Alton,
22 Bloomington/Normal, Carbondale, Chicago, Effingham, Joliet,
23 Mattoon, Naperville, Springfield, and several other cities;
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 Amtrak is vital to the industry in Illinois, especially the
2 tourist industry; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the
4 President of the United States and each member of the Illinois
5 congressional delegation.